# What they are learning

elly\* just got her excited. I asked who had been teaching her to drive. Both of her parents, she replied. Then I asked which was the better

driver, her

REED mother or her father. (It's not a terrible question. The truth's the truth. And, of course, I wasn't going to tell them.)

Kelly said her mom is a terrible driver and her dad drives really fast. That was the funny

part. She said they correct her all the time when she is driving but she is doing exactly what she

sees them do. My eyes got big as she spoke.

I'm just copying them!" she said emphatically.

"You didn't tell them

that, did you?!" I burst intermediate license out. She said she hadn't.

> Shew! Think about it: What are you teaching your family in the car?

Kids are sponges, whether they're learning to drive or not. They listen when we don't realize it, copying good

and bad habits. What are they soaking up when we aren't paying attention?

In Deuteronomy 5, Moses shared the Ten Commandments with the people of Israel. Deuteronomy 6:6-9 encourages parents to be intentional in teaching children about God. Actually, it doesn't encourage them but tells them to be intentional.

"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your

That covers sitting, walking, lying down and standing, wearing verses, carrying them, and posting them. It's basically ALL. THE. TIME. Teaching our kids as we go throughout the day. I'm not saying it's easy. In fact, being a parent, especially a godly parent, can take the pink out of a flamingo. The devil will fight you every single day. Yet, God gives strength to the weary.

strength." That's a great starting place.

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children ..." Of. All. Ages. It doesn't say to ask them if they want to be impressed.

"Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road ..." Today it would include "as you ride in your car, truck, SUV, or minivan."

"When you lie down and when you get up ..." That's morning and evening.

"Tie them as symbols on your hands" (bracelets) and "bind them on your

foreheads." Jews of that a parent, especially time wore small boxes tied around their heads that contained Bible verses. These days, we can we carry verses other places: pockets, phones, on shirts, etc.

"Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." Hang verses in places to see regularly to remind, stir up, and strengthen your soul and others.

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Isaiah 40:29 and 31 are worth hanging on the cabinet: "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not become weary, they will walk and not faint."

By watching you, are your kids (of all ages) learning to have little faith or big faith? (I learned big faith by watching my mom!) Are they seeing you

make time to read your Bible? To pray? To serve?

I don't have all the answers, but I know the Guy Who does. Parenting is not for the faint of heart. Sure looks easy on TV but it's not in real life.

As followers of Christ, with His help, let's strive to walk and/ or drive in such a way as to lead our kids to Him.

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The Bardstown Independent School District will publish a full list of delinquent school taxes in the Kentucky Standard on Sunday, May 4, 2025. The list will contain the name, address, and tax amount due as of April 29, 2025.

All delinquent tax information will be available Monday, May 5, 2025, online at www.bardstown.kyschools.us To view the list, see QUICK LINKS, then choose PROPERTY TAXES, then choose DELINQUENT TAX SALE to locate the link to view the 2024 Property Taxes available for sale.

Unpaid tax claims as of 10:00 a.m. Friday, June 6, 2025, will be sold for cash. All individuals wishing to participate in the sale must register with the office below between the dates of Wednesday, May 21, 2025, through Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Place: Bardstown Independent Board of Education

308 N. Fifth St.

Bardstown, KY 40004

Date: Friday, June 6, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.